

# Brandon Kirkham

Costume & Scenic Design  
Puppet Design & Construction

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## Employment ( Does not include short-term/freelance employment )

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### First Stage - Milwaukee, WI

Design Supervisor | 2014-2019

Costume Crafts Artisan | 2011-2016

Properties Artisan | 2010-2011

### Hope Summer Repertory Theatre - Holland, MI

Costume Crafts/Design | 6 seasons, Summers  
2003 - 2011

### Santa Fe Opera - Santa Fe, NM

Costume Crafts Head | Summer 2019

### Steppenwolf Theatre Company - Chicago, IL

Costume Crafts Assistant | Summer 2012

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## Selected Designs ( \*Upcoming project )

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<u>Production</u>	<u>Role</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Year</u>
<i>Cendrillon and L'Enfant et les Sortilèges*</i>	Costume Designer	Florentine Opera Co.	2021
<i>The Legend of Rock Paper Scissors*</i>	Costume & Puppet Designer	First Stage	2020, '21
<i>The Misanthrope*</i>	Scenic Designer	UW-Whitewater	2020
<i>The Stinky Cheese Man...*</i>	Scenic & Puppet Designer	Cardinal Stage Company	TBD (Covid-19)
<i>The African Company Presents Richard III</i>	Scenic & Puppet Designer	Northern Kentucky Univ.	2019
<i>Roald Dahl's Matilda</i>	Scenic Designer	First Stage	2019
<i>Urinetown</i>	Scenic Designer	Skylight Music Theatre	2018
<i>Sherlock Holmes &amp; the Case of the Jersey Lily</i>	Scenic Designer	Milwaukee Chamber Thtr.	2018
<i>The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane</i>	Scenic Designer	First Stage	2018
<i>Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer</i>	Scenic, Costume, Puppet Designer	First Stage	2013, '14, '15, '17
<i>Lovabye Dragon</i>	Scenic & Puppet Designer	First Stage	2017
<i>Frankie &amp; Johnny in the Clair de Lune</i>	Scenic Designer	Milwaukee Chamber Thtr.	2017
<i>m o c k i n g b i r d</i>	Scenic Designer	First Stage	2017
<i>Spookley the Square Pumpkin</i>	Scenic, Costume, Puppet Designer	First Stage	2015, '17
<i>Vanya &amp; Sonia &amp; Masha &amp; Spike</i>	Scenic Designer	Milwaukee Chamber Thtr.	2016
<i>Shrek, the Musical</i>	Costume & Puppet Designer	First Stage	2013
<i>Peter Pan &amp; Wendy</i>	Costume Designer	First Stage	2012
<i>A Thousand Clowns</i>	Scenic Designer	Milwaukee Chamber Thtr.	2012
<i>Seussical, the Musical</i>	Costume & Puppet Designer	First Stage	2011
<i>Route 66</i>	Scenic Designer	Milwaukee Rep	2010
<i>The Phantom Tollbooth</i>	Scenic & Costume Designer	Cincinnati Playhouse	2008
<i>The Conference of the Birds Project</i>	Co-Production Designer	Ohio University	2007

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( See reverse for Education, Related Experience, Skills, & References )

## Education

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Ohio University - MFA Theatre Design - 2008

University of Evansville - BS Theatre Design & Technology - 2005

University of Connecticut - Graduate Certificate Puppet Arts - 2017

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## Honors | Affiliations | Related Experience

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Broadway World Milwaukee Awards - Best Scenic Design for *Roald Dahl's Matilda* at First Stage - 2019

Recipient of The Jim Henson Foundation's Family Grant for *Lovabye Dragon* at First Stage - 2017

Member of UNIMA-USA, Puppeteers of America, PofA Great Lakes Region, Indiana Puppetry Guild, and former President of Wisconsin Puppetry Guild

Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival Region III - Design Respondent - 2017 & 2020

Master Classes (Teaching) - Skylight Music Theatre, Anderson University, Northern Kentucky University, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, Northwestern University, Hope College, Illinois Wesleyan University, ACTF Region III

USITT's Foam Patterning & Construction Symposium - 2009 - Presenter/Instructor

Prague Quadrennial of Performance Design & Space - USA Student Exhibitor & International Workshop Instructor ("Reaching the Heavens") - 2007

USITT Young Designer's Symposium - Presenter - 2008 | Design Respondent - 2013

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## Related Skills

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Costume Crafts	SketchUp & LayOut	Millinery	Woodworking
Project Management	Photoshop   GIMP	Paint & Dye	Shoe Repair
Specialty Props	Model Building	Thermoplastics	Leatherworking
Teaching	Mechanics & Articulation	Foam Patterning & Const.	Red Cross CPR Certified

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## References ( Contact information available upon request )

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**Matt Grundman**  
Production Manager (former),  
First Stage

**Michael Wright**  
Artistic Director (former),  
Milwaukee Chamber Theatre

**Kim Buetzow**  
Workroom Supervisor,  
Santa Fe Opera

**Jeff Frank**  
Artistic Director,  
First Stage

**Aretta Baumgartner**  
Education Director,  
Center for Puppetry Arts |  
President, Puppeteers of America

**James Saba**  
Executive Director,  
San Diego Junior Theatre |  
Artistic Director,  
HSRT's Children's Perf. Troupe

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